



FROM THE INSIDER'S

PUEBLO #117495

"Thank you so much for your love in Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness, encouragement and servant's heart. As I got to see the tears of joy, the radiant happiness, and the excitement that a few of the women experienced as a result of your Valentines cards, I felt an urgency to share with you what you bring to the heart of some who have been hopeless, lonely, and losing faith. A friend who has spent 28 years in prison, came to me with a BEAMING smile and said "look, this is my very first Valentine card in 28 years – and it has my favorite verse inside- Romans 8:31. Thank you for extending your love for Christ to those who have stumbled and live behind the walls of prison."

DENVER #86849

"Your prayers are moving mountains and strongholds in my life...All my bitterness is rolling out as in waves out to the sea of forgetfulness and building on the true foundation of God's love, peace, forgiveness, joy, understanding, care, concern, but most of all self-control. I remind myself always all good things come from the Lord, even you all at 'Encouraging Word.'"

PUEBLO #167068

"I want to give praise to our Heavenly Father for sending people like you in my life. I thank Encouraging Word for all your prayers. It touched my heart receiving the letter and prayers on my parole. It brought tears to my eyes how God can personally speak to us through things like the letter I received. Thank you with all my love."

OKLAHOMA #89311-198

"I am overwhelmed by the timing and effect that your recent letter had on me. Let me just say that being a child of God in the prison system puts you on the front lines of spiritual warfare. I'd like to personally thank all of you who sent your signature scripture to me and now I'd like to give a word of encouragement to "An Encouraging Word Ministry" Your ministry is working! God's timing was perfect through all of you!.. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! YOU GUYS ARE GREAT."

PUEBLO #162376

"Your Easter Card had 9 handwritten verses-each with a signature. I prayerfully read each verse, took my journal and on a separate page listed each person's name & verse reference, then wrote my meditation. Those 9 verses are the beginning of a small piece I'm putting together to minister to others. 7 of the verses are about

STRENGTH. I'm not sure, but I am guessing the Holy Spirit is preparing me for the strength in Him that I'll need. 3 Years after parole, I can begin the process to come back in prison as a volunteer, mentor, or whatever instrument Christ would have me to serve in!!! That's my dream!"

AZ, MEN'S PRISON

"I want you to know that our prayer circle (in prison) is keeping your new ministry in our prayers. Men in these correctional institutions desperately need your efforts."

DENVER #113773

Prior to release: "I'm super grateful..thank you guys. Thank you for being an inspiration! You make me see that beyond these walls there are good people. I am ready to start this walk with Jesus because I need him to make my life complete. God Bless You!"

PUEBLO #171496

"I want to thank you for being the beacon of light that ya'll have been for a lot of the girls in here. They have all had nothing but good things to say about your ministry and the inspiration you provide. I know Jesus would be so proud of you guys."

DENVER #153715,

"I feel I have finally found myself and a purpose in being a vessel for God's calling. I see a future of change...as Encouraging Word Ministry has been put together to help women & men come closer to God and to be able to trust & share testimony of confessions with one another & to be able to get past having all that guilt-shame-confusion-hurt-pain inside that keeps us from moving forward with God in knowing that a relationship with God/Jesus is All He Yearns for as a father does his child...to be able to walk through to a new calling. Lord, open our eyes to see as you do –our ears to hear your voice, to know the TRUTH, for the TRUTH SHALL SET US FREE."

FROM CO MEN'S PRISON

"Greetings from the "front lines" in Limon Colorado. I was pleased to receive a letter from you, your words were encouraging and provoked a response in me to write back and request a "battle buddy" for myself. It warms my heart to know that there are ministries who target those of us in prison while there are so many who look at us as an "inconvenient burden". I want to reassure you that these fields are ripe for the harvest, and we could use all of the "harvesters" the Lord sends. Thank you for considering me, and please pray for our Father to send more laborers into the fields."

MEN'S FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, SAFFORD AZ

"I want to extend my personal thanks to you for your faithfulness and your excellent work on behalf of myself and the other inmates blessed by your ministry to us. These past 2 years would have been bleak if it hadn't been for the constancy of your correspondence with me. Jesus himself spoke about you when He said, "I was in prison and you came to me" (Mt 25:36) "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the

kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Mt 25:34) God will bless you for your service to Him.”

GRADUATE INSIDER, CO

“It was great to hear from you. All is good my way, I would love to be an ‘Encourager.’ That has been weighing on my heart lately. I just have to say that I’m very blessed with family and you in my life. I have kept my faith since I have left prison. I thank Encouraging Word for that.”

DENVER #162479

“I pray for a friend like Ruth. You may be that friend for me because so far you’ve done everything the Bible mentioned (loyal, faithful, dependable and honorable) I am so glad you are in my life...I believe I’m a better person everyday. I will always be lovely and loved by God and you will too. I need the Lord to hold my hand tightly/strongly/gently and lovingly every day of my life and I need him to hold my hand like that every step of the way while I’m out of this sad and depressing prison !! And I want to go home to Jesus when the time is right. Amen.”

DENVER #169776

“You, and all of my sisters and brothers at Encouraging Word are the epitome of my hope. Did you know that? No one else sends me cards or things like that. You guys help me with my faith. And give me hope for my future in God’s salvation. I read my Jesus Calling book, then every morning I leave it out so someone can pick it up and read it. They say it’s the only book that’s ever been respected in this pod, not stolen or damaged. Thank you!”